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TAGS: ESTC, COCOM, UK, US

SUBJECT: UK PROPOSAL ON ORGANIZATION OF COCOM

REF: COCOM DOC. PROC (76) 8

BEFORE TAKING A POSITION ON SUBJECT PROPOSAL, REQUEST USDEL  
SEEK FROM UK DEL, EITHER BILATERALLY OR IN COMMITTEE,  
CLARIFICATION OF THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

1. PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE UK PROPOSAL STATES THAT "RAPID  
PROGRESS MADE IN THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL FIELDS CAN  
OFTEN INVALIDATE THE RESULTS OF A REVIEW THAT HAS BEEN  
BASED ON DATA GATHERED ALMOST TWO YEARS BEFORE THE PUBLI-  
CATION OF NEW LISTS. THIS INEVITABLY BRINGS THE SYSTEM  
INTO DISREPUTE." THE COMMITTEE HAS HISTORICALLY WELCOMED  
RECEIPT AT ANY TIME OF INFORMATION ON TECHNOLOGICAL  
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CHANGES WITHIN THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES NOT REFLECTED IN  
THE COCOM LISTS. THE US HAS MADE CONTINUING EFFORTS OVER  
THE YEARS TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE COMMITTEE SUCH INFORMA-  
TION AS IT OBTAINS ON AS CURRENT A BASIS AS POSSIBLE AND  
ALWAYS WELCOMES RECEIPT OF RELEVANT AND TIMELY INFORMA-  
TION FROM OTHERS, BOTH DURING AND BETWEEN LIST REVIEWS.  
OUR GENERAL CONCLUSION IS THAT TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS IN

THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES HA; NOT BEEN SO RAPID AS TO BRING THE COCOM SYSTEM INTO DISREPUTE BECAUSE OF THE TIMING OF LIST REVIEWS. IN ANY EVENT, THE UK CONCERN FOR TIMELY DATA DOES NOT APPEAR TO LEAD LOGICALLY TO THE PROPOSAL IN PARAGRAPH II (F)(1) THAT "NO NEW SUBJECT MATTER MAY BE INTRODUCED AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE LIST REVIEW."

2. THE UK PROPOSED THAT ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE SECONDED BY ANOTHER DEL OTHER THAN THE PROPOSING COUNTRY. HOW DOES THE UK FORESEE THAT THE ELABORATE PROCEDURES IT HAS PROPOSED, INCLUDING SECONDING OF PROPOSALS, WILL SHORTEN THE LIST REVIEWS; AND HOW DOES THE UK ENVISAGE THIS WILL BE DONE? IF IT IS TO BE DONE IN THE COCOM FORUM ITSELF, WOULD IT NOT INVOLVE PROLONGATION OF THE LIST REVIEW SINCE COUNTRIES WOULD HAVE TO SEND EXPERTS TO PARIS TO ELICIT SECONDING SUPPORT FOR THEIR PROPOSALS FROM OTHER DELEGATIONS? IF IT WERE TO BE DONE BILATERALLY BETWEEN DELEGATIONS, WOULD THIS NOT ENCOURAGE BARGAINING AND LOG ROLLING? WHAT WOULD BE THE POSITION OF A SECONDER OF A PROPOSAL OR COUNTER-PROPOSAL? WOULD A SECONDING DELEGATION BE COMMITTED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL? COULD A SECONDING DELEGATION SUBMIT OR SUPPORT A COUNTER-PROPOSAL?

3. POINT IV STATES THAT TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE FIRST ROUND THE COMMITTEE WILL ESTABLISH THE OPENING DATE FOR THE SECOND ROUND; WHEREAS POINT VII STATES THAT THE COMMITTEE SHOULD SET A TENTATIVE DATE FOR OPENING THE SECOND ROUND AT THE END OF THE FIRST ROUND. WHAT DOES THE CONFIDENTIAL

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